



April Activity Summary

Franklin County Economic Development Commission

Business Development/Marketing

- Met with an Indianapolis-based attorney to discuss development opportunities in Franklin County.
- Participated in an update phone conference with Duke Energy regarding the submission of the Brackney Industrial site to the Site Readiness program.
- Received confirmation the Brackney Industrial site had been selected by Duke Energy's economic development team to participate in the "Site Readiness Light" program, which will provide engineering, infrastructure and development feedback for the property.
- Submitted property and potential incentive information for an IEDC project lead for a manufacturer serving the aerospace industry. This project was one of two unique manufacturing leads received from the IEDC for the month of April.
- Followed up with the owner of the former Batesville Aviation Services to discuss a potential project opportunity at the property.
- Communicated with a public project financing contact to discuss options for infrastructure and facility funding in the Brookville area.
- Received confirmation from Governor Eric Holcomb's office that the State of Indiana nominated the Brookville-area census tract to the U.S. Treasury for inclusion in the Opportunity Zone program.

Project Management

- Assisted Brookville Town legal counsel in drafting the declaratory resolution for the Valley House Economic Revitalization Area.
- Hosted a project status conference call for the hotel feasibility study. Mike Lindner with Hotel R & D, LLC debriefed us on progress related to the first phase of the report, his visit to Brookville and the items remaining for completion in the second phase of the report.

Engagement

- Attended the April meeting of the Southeastern Indiana Growth Alliance (SEIGA). Discussion items included website updates, identifying regional action items and beginning to discuss the compilation of a community asset inventory.
- Attended a combined meeting of the Franklin County EDC and the Franklin County RDC. Discussion items included the approval of EDC bylaws and preliminary discussion on TIF district expansion to parcels zoned I-1 and I-2 in the County.

- Along with EDC member John Palmer, participated in a webinar hosted by the Franklin County Tourism office and led by the Indiana Office of Tourism Development on the impact of bicycle tourism. Discussion on tourism in Franklin County followed.
- Participated in a Brookville-area site tour for special guest Melissa Acton (Senator Todd Young's office) coordinated by Nancy Main with Main Street Brookville.
- Communicated with representatives from HWC Engineering to discuss opportunities for regional planning and coordination in southeast Indiana.
- Communicated with the IEDC's small business ombudsmen on behalf of an area business to assist in resolving an operational issue.
- Began working with the Franklin County Auditor to investigate the assessments and increment of specific TIF parcels in Brookville's Main Street TIF allocation area.
- Communicated with the engineering firm representing Franklin County Water to discuss potential infrastructure improvements within their service territory to support economic development.